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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/902,406	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SHIGEHARA, MAKOTO	
	<b>Examiner</b> Phuoc H. Nguyen	<b>Art Unit</b> 2143	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 September 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 September 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Boys U.S. Patent 6,516,340.
3. Regarding claims 1-4, Boys teaches a system for providing event information (eg. lecture meeting, figure 3) comprising: event information (eg. lectures A-N) obtaining means being capable of obtaining at least one event information in an event place (eg. Lecture client or recipient obtains internet based lecture from server 19); request information receiving means for receiving at least one event information which an information user requests to obtain in the event place (eg. Lecture client or recipient selects or request a lecture or lesson plan from the Internet-connected lecture server) (col. 9, lines 53-59); and event information providing means for, in response to a request from the information user (eg. Lecture client or recipient) received by the request information (Figure 4, Lecture server providing a lecture to the lecture client or recipient based on the lecture or lesson plan from the lecture client) receiving means, providing one or a plurality of event information among the information obtained by the event information obtaining means to the information user through a signal transmission path (Figure 4, Lecture

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server providing a lecture to the lecture client or recipient based on the lecture or lesson plan from the lecture client, wherein all this take place in the internet) (col. 12, lines 9-35).

4. Regarding claims 5,6,13, and 14, are substantially the same as **claim 1** and is thus rejected for reasons similar to those in rejecting **claim 1**.

5. Regarding claims 7 and 15, Boys teaches the information includes information acquired on the basis of the desire received from the user before the opening of an event and information acquired on the basis of the judgment of a content provider (col. 9, lines 53 through col. 10, lines 26).

6. Regarding claims 8 and 16, Boys teaches user desire acquiring means for receiving a desire of acquisition from the user before the opening of an event (col. 9, lines 53 through col. 10, lines 26).

7. Regarding claims 9 and 17, Boys teaches disclosure information selecting means being capable of selecting information the user desires disclose (col. 9, lines 53-59).

8. Regarding claims 10 and 18, Boys teaches the information relates to an event (Figure 4, lectures A-N).

9. Regarding claims 11, and 19, Boys teaches the information is concerned with medical treatments (eg. lecture) (Figure 4, lectures A-N).

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Regarding claims 12 and 20, Boys teaches the event relates to a lecture meeting, an academic meeting, or an exposition (Abstract; Figures 3 and 4).

***Conclusion***

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Agarwal et al. U.S. Patent 6,314,466 disclose a system and method for providing random access to a multimedia object over a network.

Shimizu U.S. Patent 6,002,915 discloses a management system for interactive on-line system.

Craig U.S. Patent 6,108,687 discloses a system and method for providing a synchronized display to a plurality of computers over a global computer network.

DeNicola et al. U.S. Patent 6,288,753 disclose a system and method for live interactive distance learning.

Graham U.S. Patent 6,732,183 discloses a video and audio streaming for multiple users.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuoc H. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3919. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon -Thu (7AM-4: 30PM) and off every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A Wiley can be reached on 703-308-5221. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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